



# *The Insider*

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## **Inside State Politics with State Senator Mickey Switalski Senate District 10**

**May 14, 2004**

Welcome to the electronic version of *The Insider*. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support and for giving me an opportunity to represent you in the Michigan Senate. It is my sincere hope that this bi-weekly e-newsletter will keep you informed of the happenings in Lansing, while keeping true to the traditional style of *The Insider*. If you would like to contact me, please feel free to e-mail me at [senmswitalski@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senmswitalski@senate.michigan.gov) or call me at my Roseville or Lansing office. You can also meet me in person during my constituent hours, coming to a library near you. Call my office and make an appointment, or you can just walk in. See page 3 for the schedule. I also will be hosting an environmental task force public forum at Metro Beach in early June. Details can be found in the article enclosed.

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### **Clean Environment for Our Children**

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## ***Switalski hosting environmental forum at Metro Beach***

Memorial Day is less than a month away, and its arrival signals the unofficial start of summer.

Summer brings warmer weather and trips to the beach. For too many Macomb residents, beach closings have become the norm as our lakes and water streams are constantly registering above normal levels of bacteria. Not to mention the occasional spills coming from Chemical Valley in Sarnia, Ontario that pollutes the water we drink and swim in.

Our drinking water also comes from water streams such as Lake St. Clair, which is known to have high levels of toxins. To address the important issue of water quality, the Senate Democratic Party has created an Environmental Task Force with a theme of "Clean Environment for Our Children".

I will be hosting one of the three public forums of the task force on June 3 at Metro Beach, located at 31300 Metropolitan Parkway in Harrison Township, from 7-9 p.m.

I will be discussing what elected officials such as myself are doing at the state level to address water quality issues in Michigan. In addition, Doug Martz, chairman of the Macomb County Water Quality Board, Mark Richardson, environmental prosecutor for Macomb County, and former State Senator and Director of the Office of the Great Lakes, Ken DeBeaussiaert will speak about various environmental issues.

The forum will also feature an opportunity for the public to interact by asking questions and providing testimony on issues that pertain to our environment.

The task force hearings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. I encourage anyone who is interested in protecting our environment and providing clean water for our children to come to the forum and express their opinion.

For more information, please feel free to contact my office.

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## **Join the Fight Against Cancer**

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Cancer is an illness that affects everyone in some way. It may be someone you know, such as a loved one, a spouse, a sibling, a friend. Cancer can also be lethal as it is the second leading cause of death in the United States.

Sterling Heights Mayor Richard Notte and I are teaming up for a second consecutive year in the effort to raise money for the American Cancer Society in their battle against cancer.

Last year, Mayor Notte and I raised over \$5,000 at the annual Relay for Life walk-a-thon fundraiser. This year we hope to raise even more but we need your help.

The Relay for Life will take place on May 22 and May 23 at Chippewa Valley High School, located at 18300 19 Mile Road in Clinton Township. The event will begin at 10 a.m. on May 22 and will feature a 24-hour walk-a-thon with at least one member of each relay team staying on the track at all times.

If you would like to help, I will be collecting donations on behalf of the American Cancer Society in support of the "Relay for Life". Checks can be mailed to: Relay for Life, c/o Senator Michael Switalski, 28311 Utica Road, Roseville, MI 48066. Time is running out, as all donations are due by May 18.

Any help would be greatly appreciated. Together, we can make strides in the search for a cure to cancer.

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## **Mickey's TV Insider Show**

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Check out my TV Insider Show coming to a television station near you. Watch me interview local guests about politics, life, issues and concerns to our district.

### **Sterling Heights**

Every Saturday and Sunday at 12:30 p.m.  
(Comcast Channel 5/WOW Channel 10)

### **Utica**

Every Wednesday at 9 a.m.  
(Comcast Channel 5/WOW Channel 10)

### **Clinton Township**

Last week of every month- Sat thru Thurs  
(Comcast Channel 5/WOW Channel 10)

### **Roseville**

Every other Tuesday at 6:05 p.m.  
(Comcast Channel 18)

\*Please note that Sterling Heights/Utica/Clinton Township will show the TV Insider Show on Comcast Channel 5 and Wide Open West Channel 10. Clinton Township will air the TV Insider Show at various times during the last week of every month. Roseville can see the TV Insider Show on Comcast Channel 18.

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## Coffee Hours

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\*Please note that since the District Office is in Roseville, I do not have coffee hours in Roseville. I encourage you to visit the Roseville office. We even have a coffee pot.

### Clinton Township

**May 24**

**7-9 P.M.**

Location: Clinton Township Public Library  
(35891 Gratiot, north of 15 Mile)

### Sterling Heights/Utica

**June 7**

**7-9 P.M.**

Location: Sterling Heights Library  
(Utica and Dodge Park roads)

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